

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** medical coders succeed by identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness, and injury in populations; and
- WHEREAS,** medical coders succeed by identifying the trends and patterns in the procedures and services provided; and
- WHEREAS,** the use of medical codes for disease and injury prevention has contributed to understanding correlations in illness and injury to treatment, including heart disease and stroke, viral infection, infectious disease and motor vehicle and workplace injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** medical coders help preserve the history of communities through the abstracting of information from birth and death records; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past decade, medical coders have archived significant milestones in sophistication of their profession through extensive education and training; and
- WHEREAS,** the need for qualified medical coders continues to increase nationally in physicians' offices, outpatient, and hospital settings in Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** integrity and high standards of medical coders have contribute to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' campaign against fraud and abuse in medical reimbursement; and
- WHEREAS,** the medical coding community is international in the language that we speak for common good of optimal health for everyone in every nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim August 2006, as

Medical Coder's Month

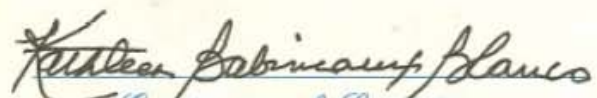
in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 8th day of August
A.D., 2006*


Governor of Louisiana